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1	CA	Girl Scouts of Sierra Cascade	The Lassen Project	The Lassen Project: Over 100 girls and families participated in three camping experiences in Lassen Volcanic National Park. This project increased their outdoor and conservation skills as well as developed appreciation and stewardship for national parks.	National Park Service - Lassen Volcanic National Park		165
2	CA	Girl Scouts of Tierra del Oro	Valleys, Vistas, and Visions: Discover Yosemite	Valleys, Vistas, and Visions: Discover Yosemite: 30 girls participated in a 15 day outdoor learning experience "Wider Opportunity" focusing on natural resource management, environmental impact issues, and outdoor career opportunities. Partner agencies ma	U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Yosemite National Park, Bureau of Land Management	Sierra Nevada Wilderness Education Project, Leave No Trace, Yosemite Mountaineer School, California Horsepackers Association, Yosemite Concession Services	156
3	CT	Girl Scouts, Connecticut Trails Council, Inc.	Pond Exploration and the Wildlife Within	Pond Exploration and the Wildlife Within: "Pondering Ponds" is a year long water conservation program, created by older Girl Scouts that fosters an exploration of the pond ecosystem and an understanding of non-point pollution and its impact on the water r	Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection	Kellogg Environmental Center, Regional Water Authority, Southern Connecticut State University	1412
4	GA	Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia, Inc.	Observation Stations at Ocmulgee National Monument	Observation Stations at Ocmulgee National Monument: As a Girl Scout Gold Award project, four wayside stations were designed and installed at Ocmulgee National Monument. The benches and environmental interpretive plaques located along the trails provide a	National Park Service - Ocmulgee National Monument, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Muskogee Nation - Division of Tribal Affairs	Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation Foundation, Woodmen of the World Insurance Society, Pilot Club of Jones County, Lowe's Home Improvement, General Steel, Inc.	100
5	IL	Shemamo Girl Scout Council of Illinois	Make Daffodil Valley Bloom Again	Make Daffodil Valley Bloom Again: As part of a four year project, girls from diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds helped restore Daffodil Valley prairie and wetland to a natural and native habitat for Illinois wildlife, particularly birds of prey	Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Illinois Raptor Center, Illinois Native Plant Society, Illinois Power Company, The Lumpkin Family Foundation	238
6	IN	Girl Scouts of Singing Sands Council, Inc.	Butterfly Garden	Butterfly Garden: A Cadette Girl Scout troop created a butterfly garden on school property. This garden was designed to provide habitat for butterflies including endangered species native to Michigan. It also serves as a hands-on research station for th	FWS		12
7	LA	Girl Scouts-Audubon Council, Inc.	Wild about Wildlife	Wild About Wildlife: As part of an environmental education plan offered to expose physically challenged girls to science and activities at a council residential camp, an accessible cement walkway for an environmental interpretive trail, and handicapped pa	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge, Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries - Natural Heritage Program	Downtown Kiwanis Club	7128
8	ME	Girl Scouts of Kennebec Council	Discover Maine Wildlife	Discover Maine Wildlife: Girl Scouts ages 11-17 and leaders were trained in Project Wild sponsored by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. A Girl Scout Day at the Maine Wildlife Park provided girls with an increased knowledge of Maine's	Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Boothbay Region Land Trust	62
9	MI	Girl Scouts of Michigan Trails	Karner Blue Butterfly	Karner Blue Butterfly: As a Gold Award project, a county-wide educational campaign was launched to teach the public about the endangered Karner Blue Butterfly (<i>Lycaeides melissa samuelis Nabokov</i>) and help protect and repopulate the species through habita	Ottawa County Parks Department		182
10	MI	Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council	Eco-Paddlers	Eco-Paddlers: Girls ages 11-14 and their families learned basic canoe skills, studied the plants and animals of the Huron River ecosystem, and learned the impact of pollution on this ecosystem. Participants removed several truck-fuls of litter and debri	Huron-Clinton Metroparks		46



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11	MN	Girl Scout Council of Greater Minneapolis	Flower Power! More Trees Please! And Earth Care Day	Flower Power! More Trees Please! and Earth Care Day: During 3 conservation programs, girls developed a greater concern for the environment by participating in community service projects and being exposed to natural resource careers. Girls planted trees a	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge	Three Rivers Park District	306
12	MN	Land of Lakes Girl Scout Council	Project WET, Project WILD, Project Learning Tree	Project WET, Project WILD, Project Learning Tree: Girls and adults were trained in environmental education programs related to wildlife, water and trees developed by the Department of Natural Resources. Girl and adult participants learned problem-solving	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources		164
13	NC	Girl Scout Council of Coastal Carolina, Inc.	Environmental Education Partnership with Cape Lookout National Seashore	Environmental Education Partnership with Cape Lookout National Seashore: A kayaking exploration project was developed in collaboration with the Cape Lookout National Seashore. The goals were to increase visitor's environmental knowledge and decrease the	National Park Service - Cape Lookout National Seashore	Pamlico County 4-H Cooperative Extension Office, Craven County 4-H Cooperative Extension Office	205
14	NJ	Girl Scout Council of Bergen County	Linking Girls to the Land	Project Learning Tree: Girl Scout volunteers and staff were trained by USFS personnel to facilitate the Project Learning Tree (PLT) curriculum on topics ranging from forests, wildlife, and water, to community planning, waste management and energy. Seven	U.S. Forest Service - Grey Towers National Historic Landmark	Pinochet Institute for Conservation Grey Towers Fund	304
15	NY	Girl Scouts of the Adirondack Council, Inc.	Beautiful Butterflies	Beautiful Butterflies: As part of an environmental and training program, girls (ages 5-17), adults and community members explored the concepts of resource conservation, habitat preservation and species management of native butterflies. Older girls were	NRCS - Greater Adirondack Resource Conservation and Development	Wilton Wildlife Preserve, Albany Pine Brush Conservation Commission, Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, Warren County Cornell Cooperative Extension, Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center	195
16	OH	Girl Scouts of Lake Erie Council	Women in the Wilderness - Developing Future Outdoor Leaders	Women in the Wilderness - Developing Future Outdoor Leaders: As an affiliate for the Wilderness Education Association, Girl Scouts of Lake Erie Council offers girls year round program opportunities in a variety of wilderness settings incorporating the WEA	Natural Resource Conservation Service- Ohio Department of Natural Resources- Watercraft Division	Wilderness Education Association, Leave No Trace, Inc.	140
17	OK	Girl Scouts of Magic Empire Council, Inc.	Project Polly: Wild about Water	Project Polly: Wild About Water: In an effort to educate Girl Scouts about the impact of non-point source water pollution, girls participated in a week long camp learning about water and aquatic habitats. Engaging, hands-on activities helped girls creati	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge, Natural Resources Conservation Service	Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Tulsa & Wagoner County Conservation Districts	43



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18	RI	Girl Scouts of Rhode Island, Inc.	Outdoor Adventures	Outdoor Adventures: Through Project Wild, Project Wild Aquatic and Leave No Trace trainings and camping programs, girls and adults were taught responsible use and stewardship of the land, primitive camping and hiking skills, the importance of incorporatin	Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management - Division of Fish and Wildlife		213
19	SD	Girl Scouts of the Black Hills Council, Inc.	Tripping Lightly	Tripping Lightly!: Girl Scouts learned how to protect surface vegetation, organism communities, water bodies, aqua-environmental systems and how to leave natural features and cultural artifacts undisturbed. In the first component, girls ages 6-11 attende	U.S. forest Service - Mystic Ranger District, U.S. Forest Service Powder Ranger District, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, Custer State Park	Wildlife Experiences, Inc.	135
20	TX	Girl Scouts-Five Star Council	Linking Girls to the Land	Linking Girls to the Land: Over 700 girls and adults participated in environmental and outdoor programs throughout the year including events, workshops, camps and outings. The goals were to foster personal responsibility, awareness, understanding and app	National Park Service - Lake Merideth National Recreation Area, Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument	Wildcat Bluff Nature Center	736
21	WI	Girl Scouts of Badger Council, Inc.	Burn! Remove! Restore! Our Prairie and Marsh	Burn! Remove! Restore! Our Prairie and Marsh: Girls and adults learned the benefits of woodland management by participating in hands on programs educating them about invasive plants and marshland restoration efforts on their camp property and by mapping o	Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources		1007
22	WI	Girl Scouts of Black Hawk Council, Inc.	Bringing Back Savannah	Bringing Back Savannah: Girls began the initial phase of a 20 year prairie restoration effort. Girls helped by clearing land and planting native prairie seed on camp property. It has increased the total acreage of a prairie corridor in Iowa county, WI as	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Wisconsin Private Lands Office	Dane County Parks, The Nature Conservancy, The Prairie Enthusiasts	740
23	WI	Girl Scouts of Indian Waters Council, Inc.	Water Watchers	Water Watchers: Girl Scouts ages 8-17 were trained to monitor water quality of streams in their communities. Girls investigated water's oxygen, temperature, PH level, water clarity, depth and flow and animal diversity. Their data and results were put into	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	Beaver Creek Reserve, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, University of Wisconsin Extension	169
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